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SUBJECT: PAN AM SITUATION

REF: GUATEMALA 4517

1. MESSRS. DAVISON AND PORRAS OF PAN AM CALLED AT EMBASSY SEPT. 19 TO REPORT THAT WHAT THEY HAD THOUGHT WAS AGREEMENT PERMIT PAN AM CONTINUE OPERATING NEW ORLEANS-GUATEMALA-SAN PEDRO FLIGHT UNTIL OCTOBER 28 (SEE REFTEL) IS NOT VALID AND THAT GOG INSISTS SERVICE MUST CEASE AS OF SEPT. 19. NEXT SCHEDULED FLIGHT WAS TO HAVE BEEN SEPT. 21. CURRENT PROBLEM RESULT OF APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING DURING ANZUETO-WILSON CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL. VICEMIN COMMUNICATIONS INFORMED PAN AM SEPT. 17 AND ANZUETO REPEATED TO WILSON SEPT. 18 THAT IN AUTHORIZING PAN AM CONTINUE SERVICE THROUGH OCTOBER 28 ANZUETO HAD REFERRED TO PRE SEPTEMBER 6 SCHEDULE. WILSON HAD INTER-PRETED ANZUETO TO MEAN POST SEPTEMBER 6 SCHEDULE. POST SEPTEMBER 6 SCHEDULE SERVES SAN PEDRO ON END OF NEW ORLEANS-GUATEMALA FLIGHT; PREVIOUS SCHEDULE SERVED SAN PEDRO ON THREE WEEKLY MIAMI FLIGHTS THAT HAVE SINCE BEEN DROPPED. MINISTER DID GRANT PERMISSION FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC GUATEMALA-SAN PEDRO BUT NOTED THIS WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED IN ANY NEW CONFIDENTIAL

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SCHEDULE AFTER OCT. 28. IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE

IF INTERIM AGREEMENT AS NOW DEFINED BY ANZUETO, PAN AM THUS WOULD HAVE TO REINSTITUTE THREE MIAMI FLIGHTS AND DROP ALL BUT ONE OF ITS NEW ORLEANS FLIGHTS.

DAVISON SAID THIS WAS MOST IMPRACTICAL IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF COMMITMENT OF AIRCRAFT ON OTHER SCHEDULES.

2. COMMENT: DAVISON HAS INFORMED BROWN, WHO INSTRUCTED HIM TO CONTACT EMBASSY. BROWN MAY WELL CALL DEPARTMENT TO FURTHER EMPHASIZE PROBLEM. DREYFUSS

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